

TO: [Your representative]

RE: Comments on House Bill 705

POSITION: **Support**

My name is [your name]. I am a [cosmetologist/cosmetology instructor/cosmetology school owner] and a constituent in your district. I am writing to you in support of House Bill 705 (HB 705), the Cosmetology Licensure Compact (Compact). I believe HB 705 is a benefit to Texas-licensed cosmetologists because it will allow practitioners to gain employment easier and faster in other Compact states.

**The Compact is a vastly superior alternative to onerous licensure-by-endorsement processes.**

It also has the potential to support individuals and families as they move around the country. It will assist the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation by enhancing public safety, reducing application processing time, and expanding cooperation among state regulatory boards.

I understand the Compact bill language was carefully drafted to ensure that licensed cosmetologists will be properly educated and vetted. On June 6, 2024, the Compact became active when seven states—Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, and Virginia—enacted the bill. Since then, Ohio has enacted the Compact and many other states have introduced legislation in 2025 to participate. **It is clear states want to assist licensed cosmetologists like me in gaining portability freedom through a multistate license—Texas cosmetologists should be afforded the same opportunity.** The more states that join the Compact, the more mobility options become available.

I fully support the Compact's efforts to increase the mobility of lawfully practicing cosmetologists in Compact-participating states. **At this time, HB 705 has yet to be assigned to a committee and it is vital that this bill be heard. I urge you to help Texas cosmetologists align with many states across the country and become a Compact-participating state.** I encourage you to take up HB 705 this year to help reduce barriers to entry and help cosmetology thrive in our great state of Texas.

Please contact me at [your email] if you have comments or questions.

Sincerely,

[Your name]